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SUBJECT: SEABEE ASSIGNMENT

REF: A. STATE 077115 B. STATE 98610

1. REGRET DELAY RESPONSE REF A. POST WELCOMES ASSIGNMENT WELLMAN AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS ARRIVAL.

2. FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PARA 4, REF A.

A. ADEQUATE FURNISHED GOVT QTRS WILL BE AVAILABLE. DATE OF AVAILABILITY DEPENDENT UPON ARRIVAL OF FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES BEING SHIPPED FROM ATHENS AND BEIRUT. WELLMAN SHOULD BRING KITCHEN AND TABLEWARE, LINENS, AND DECORATIVE ITEMS AS DESIRED. POST FURNISHES REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER, STOVE, WASHER, DRYER, VACUUM.

B. NEW ARRIVALS STAY AT HILTON HOTEL DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY COMPOUND PENDING AVAILABILITY OF QUARTERS. COST OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IS DOLLARS 33 PER DAY WITHOUT MEALS. TLA WILL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH JTR.

C. NO SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENT OF HHG. WELLMAN SHOULD BRING POV FROM STATES AS LOCAL PRICES EXTREMELY HIGH. GENERAL MOTORS PRODUCTS ARE FIRST CHOICE AND CHRYSLER PRODUCTS SECOND. IMPORT OF FORD AND SOME OTHER COMPANIES' PRODUCTS FORBIDDEN BY ARAB BOYCOTT. CAR SHOULD BE SHIPPED AS SOON AS
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POSSIBLE. EMBASSY HAS WELCOME KITS FOR USE PENDING ARRIVAL

OF AIR FREIGHT. AIR FREIGHT SHOULD CONTAIN BASIC KITCHEN AND DINING EQUIPMENT AND LINENS FOR USE PENDING ARRIVAL HHG. SURFACE SHIPPING TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS FROM US. EMBASSY VEHICLES FEW IN NUMBER AND HEAVILY COMMITTED TO OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS BUT WE TRY TO ASSIST NEW ARRIVALS WITH OFFICIAL VEHICLES OR HELP FROM OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

D. NO US OR MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES PRESENTLY EXIST IN KUWAIT. EMBASSY HAS COMPETENT BRITISH-TRAINED MD FOR ROUTINE CARE AND MINOR PROBLEMS. ANY SERIOUS ILLNESS OR INJURY REQUIRES AIR EVACUATION TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN BEIRUT.
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